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SUBJ: NARCOTICS; SUHARTO APPROACH TO NE WIN

REF: A) STATE 111940; B) JAKARTA 9031.

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO YOU MAY WISH TO
THANK HIM FOR RAISING THE MATTER OF BURMESE COOPERATION
IN REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL MATTERS DURING NE WIN'S
VISIT, AS REPORTED TO YOU BY GENERAL YOGA. IF YOU DO
SO, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WHAT WE ARE MAINLY INTERESTED
IN AT THIS POINT IS BURMA'S ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL CON-
FERENCES ON DRUG TRAFFIC WHICH WOULD BE AN EARNEST OF
BURMESE COOPERATION AND COULD LEAD TO MORE EFFECTIVE
PROGRAM IN BURMA. WE ARE NOT SEEKING INDONESIAN SUPPORT
ON US/BURMA BILATERAL NARCOTICS COOPERATION.

2. FYI: AMBASSADOR VANCE IN HOUR AND A HALF CONVERSATION
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WITH GEN. YOGA DID NOT DISCUSS BURMA IN QUITE THE WAY

GENERAL YOGA REPORTED (REF B). HE REFERRED, IN PASSING ONLY, TO THE GREATER RECEPTIVITY THE GUB HAD RECENTLY DISPLAYED TOWARD NARCOTICS COOPERATION EFFORTS BUT EXPRESSED REGRET THAT BURMA REMAINS UNWILLING TO ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON DRUG CONTROL. GENERAL YOGA SAID INDONESIA HAD BEEN TRYING TO INTEREST THE GUB IN ATTENDING ASEAN MEETINGS, IF ONLY AS OBSERVER, AND SAW THE IMPENDING NE WIN VISIT TO INDONESIA AS EVIDENCE OF BURMA'S SLOW

MOVEMENT TOWARD REGIONAL COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR VANCE SAID ANY ENCOURAGEMENT GOI COULD GIVE TO THIS TENDENCY IN NARCOTICS MATTERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AT NO POINT DID AMBASSADOR VANCE REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO APPROACH NE WIN ON THIS MATTER, MUCH LESS RAISE SUBJECT OF DEA PRESENCE IN RANGOON (SUBJECT NEVER MENTIONED IN DISCUSSION). WE ARE WELL AWARE OF WHAT THE BURMESE ATTITUDE WOULD BE ON THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD NOT ASK THIRD COUNTRIES TO SPEAK TO THE GUB FOR US ON A BILATERAL MATTER OF THIS SORT. WE REGRET THAT GENERAL YOGA MISINTERPRETED AMBASSADOR VANCE'S MILD EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR IMPROVED BURMESE REGIONAL NARCOTICS COOPERATION AS A REQUEST FOR AN INDONESIAN APPROACH AT CHIEF OF STATE LEVEL REGARDING US/BURMA BILATERAL NARCOTICS RELATIONS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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